Myer Faces Quiz On Japs' Release

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Dies Probers to Call Relocation Authority Chief

By the Associated Press

Los Angeles, June 14.—A Dies subcommittee is going to summon Dillon S. Myer, national director of the War Relocation Authority, to answer what its chairman, Representative Costello (Democrat) of California, says are reports Myer is responsible for the release of Japs from relocation centers.

"We have testimony under oath that Myer instituted the procedure of releasing Japanese evacuees without consulting any other officials of the Government," said Costello. "One of the witnesses testified that Myer told of this program in a speech before evacuees in advance of the announcement of it to Caucasians. The witness said Myer made it clear in his speech that even his office in Washington did not know what he had in mind and that he was assuming personal responsibility.

The subcommittee will reconvene its hearing tomorrow into the operation of the relocation centers.

25 Japanese-Americans Employed Here by WRA

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Dilln S. Myer, chief of the War Relocation Authority, said last night that about 25 Japanese-Americans are employed in Washington by his agency, but that it was a fact neither new nor surprising.

Employment of Japanese in the WRA local offices was reported following examination of material seized for the House ommittee on Unamerican Activities, headed by Representative Dies (Democrat) of Texas, in a raid by subpena-bearing investigators at the headquarters of the Japanese-American itizens League Saturday.

Myer said, "Oh sure, we've had the Japanese employes for some time. I'm surprised that people are surprised about it."

He said that each employe had first been cleared by a joint board with representatives of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Army Intelligence, the Provost Marshal's organization, and the War Relocation Authority itself. In turn, each employe undergoes the civil service investigation.

Their jobs, he said, were those of stenographers, clerks, and statistical clerks, and none is in any policy-making position.

"They have rendered excellent service," he said. "I don't know of any exception to that statement. They are simply American youngsters doing a good job."

He pointed out that in the relocation centers some of the Japanese are employed, at pay ranging up to a $19 a month maximum, in addition to subsistence, but that outside of the centers not more than a dozen Japanese Americans "at a guess" were employed by the WRA field offices.